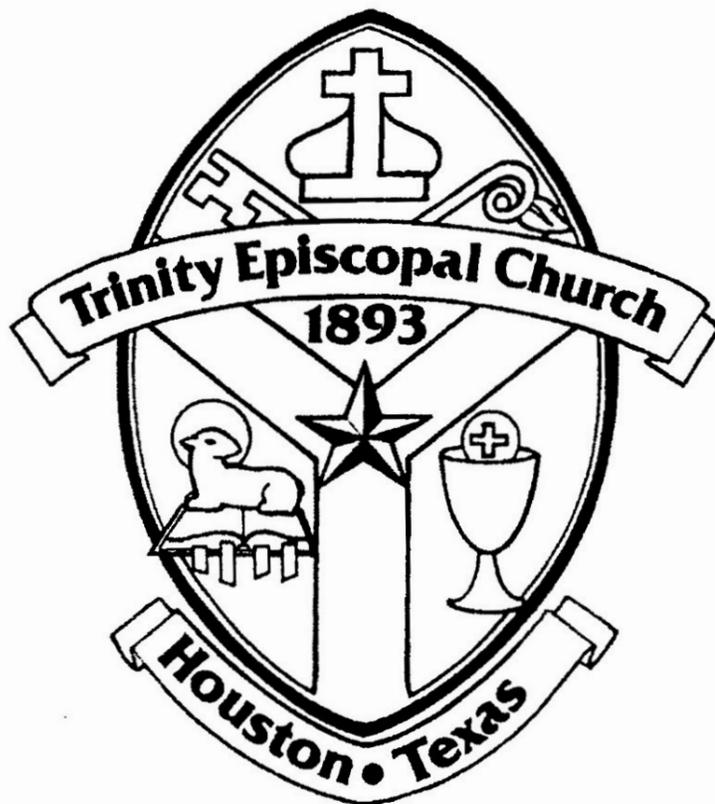


# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022  
12:30 p.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector  
The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Curate  
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

April Sloan-Hubert, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble  
Pelayo Parlade, Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

***Making God's Presence Real  
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

## WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We adapted the liturgy for this service from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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### VESTRY

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*

John Escoto, *Junior Warden*

Eric Beam  
Ben Blanding  
Jim Castro  
Terri DiRaddo  
Pam Lawson

Mary Matteucci  
Ann McCoy  
John Merullo  
Sheila Wainwright  
Michele White

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Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*  
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*  
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*  
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Castro, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*  
Gayle Davies-Cooley, *Historian and Archivist*

## THE TRINITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocals: April Sloan-Hubert  
Piano: Pelayo Parlade  
Flute, Clarinet: Ernesto Vega  
Bass: Alfred Kennedy

## SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Angel Williams  
Greeter: Sheila Wainwright  
Usher: Sheila Wainwright  
Lector: Mary Collier  
Prayers: Mary Matteucci  
Audio Visual: Paul Bower  
Online Greeter: Pam Lawson  
Altar Guild: Linda Davenport  
Vestry of the Day: Ben Blanding

The Altar flowers are dedicated to Glory of God,  
In thanksgiving for John Alexander Bruton's graduation, and in  
loving memory of John Macaulay Bruton, father and grandfather,  
by Alex Bruton and Anadeli Bencomo.  
and in loving memory of John Cloud, by Mary Cloud.

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

*Please stand as able.*

Presider Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

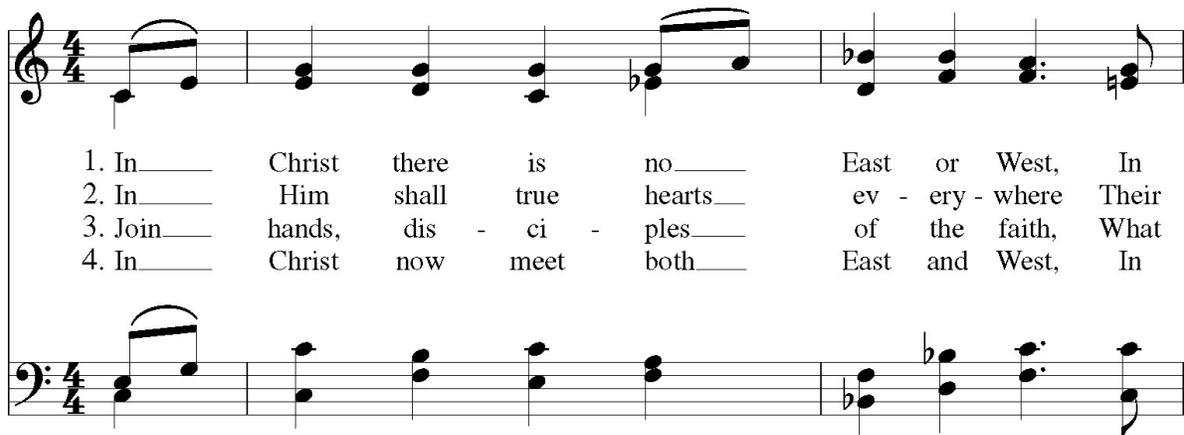
**People God is with us, here we find new life!**

Presider Let us worship God.

## OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

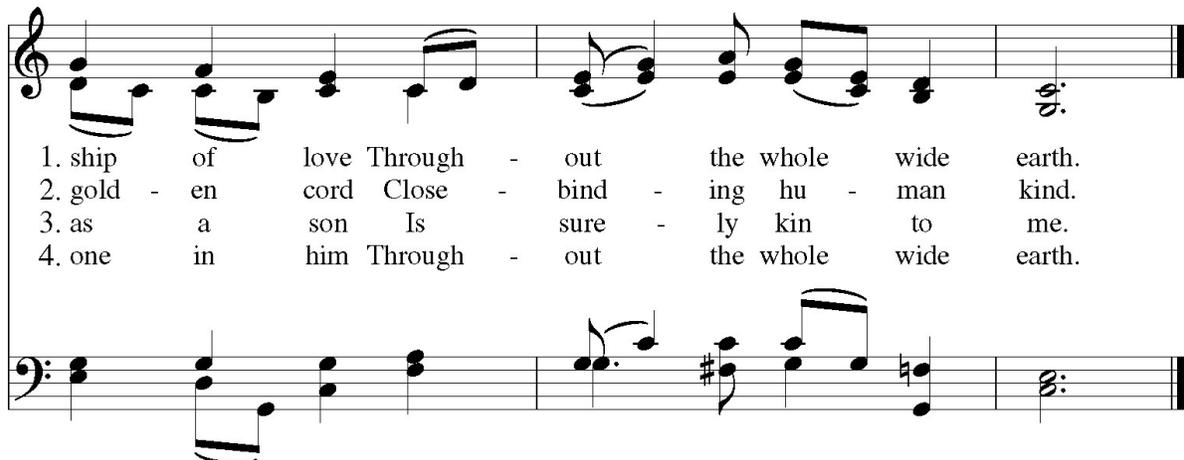
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1. In \_\_\_\_\_ Christ there is no \_\_\_\_\_ East or West, In  
2. In \_\_\_\_\_ Him shall true hearts \_\_\_\_\_ ev - ery - where Their  
3. Join \_\_\_\_\_ hands, dis - ci - ples \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith, What  
4. In \_\_\_\_\_ Christ now meet both \_\_\_\_\_ East and West, In



1. Him no South \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ North; \_\_\_\_\_ But \_\_\_\_\_ one great fel - low -  
2. high com - mu - nion \_\_\_\_\_ find; \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ ser - vice is the  
3. e'er your race \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ be! \_\_\_\_\_ Who \_\_\_\_\_ serves my Fa - ther  
4. Him meet South \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ North; \_\_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_\_ Christ - ly souls are



1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.  
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

## OPENING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Make us glad we pray you, gentle God, to give each other your loving care; make us happy to receive it. May there daily grow within us a generous, trusting spirit. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord .

**People Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as able*

John 13: 31-35

Presider The Holy Gospel according to John.

**People Praise and glory to God!**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Presider This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*We will meditate quietly on God's word to us.*

*Please stand as able*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Response**

instrumental intro  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

Hear our -

**A**

5  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer - O - Lord hear our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $\emptyset$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**

13  $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$   $Fm7$   $B^{\flat}m7$

prayer O - Lord - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17  $G^{\flat}maj7$   $A^{\flat}7sus$   $A^{\flat}7$

cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth. We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth.

Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity, and for the end of systemic racism that divides us.

We pray for leaders to serve the common good: Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, especially Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; Lina, our county judge; and for the legislatures and courts, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

### **Response**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would protect them. We pray in the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

### **Response**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for [the Most Reverend Mark Strange and the Scottish Episcopal Church](#). In the diocesan cycle of prayer for [Grace, Galveston; Holy Trinity, Dickinson; and Mosaic Church Plant, Pearland](#). In the ministry cycle of prayer for [the Pastoral Care team](#). For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament.

Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community. We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work, especially Trinity Church.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale our clergy.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

### **Response**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: [Bill, Eula, Joyce, Bob, Maribel, Bob, Shelby, Steven, Ada, and Jeanette](#).

[Heavenly Father, our neighbor has nowhere to call home: help us be aware.](#)

[Our neighbor needs love and community: help us be active. Our neighbor is crying out for justice: help us be adamant to see an end to homelessness.](#)

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, [especially for Glenda Fielder, Axel Turcios, all who have perished by contracting the Coronavirus, and victims of gun violence](#). Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: [Emilie](#), [James](#), [Samuel](#), [Nancy](#), [Ken](#), [Julie](#), [Chesson](#), [Hannah](#), [Marcia](#), [Bonnie](#), [Debbie](#), and [Barbara](#).

**Response**

instrumental intro Gbmaj7 Ab7sus Ab7  
Hear our -

**A**  
5 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7  
prayer - O - Lord hea our - prayer O - Lord - - in -

9 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord hear our

**B**  
13 Fm7 Bbm7 Fm7 Bbm7  
prayer O - Lord - - hear - our - prayer - O - Lord - - - in -

17 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7  
cline-Thine - ear - to - us - - - ple - ase - hear - us - Lord - - -

Soft piano improvisation during prayer, play intro to cue next response.

21 Gbmaj7 A7sus Ab7 Dbmaj7  
A - nd Gra - nt - us Thy - Pe - ace - -

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*The people may offer their own specific petitions, praises or thanksgivings.*

**Response**

**THE PEACE**

Presider Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.  
**People Who breaks down the walls that divide.**  
 Presider The peace of God be always with you.  
**People Praise to Christ who makes us one.**

MUSIC AT THE PEACE

Mercy, Mercy Me

Marvin Gaye

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNITY LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERING

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**Texting.** Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Jazz Ensemble

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as able.*

Presider The Lord is here.

**People God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

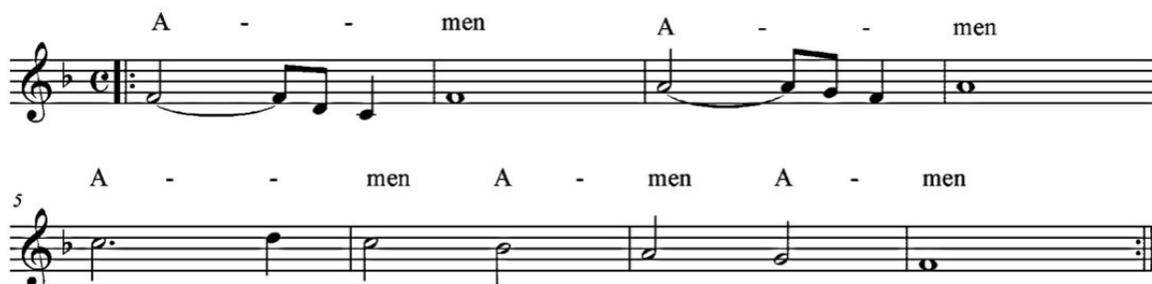
After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever,



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.  
Alleluia.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*For the duration of the current pandemic we will continue to offer communion in one kind for those who wish to receive the bread only. Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you are partaking of the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer at the end of your pew before approaching the clergy and chalice-bearer. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only.*



*We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when you come forward for communion.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

This is my bod - y giv - en up for you, this is my  
 blood poured out for you. This is my bod - y giv - en  
 up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.  
 Bod - y of Christ, A - men, Blood of  
 Christ, A - men, Bod - y of Christ,  
 A - men, Blood of Christ, A - men.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

- Presider Blessed be God who calls us together.  
**People Praise to God who makes us one people.**
- Presider Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.  
**People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**
- Presider Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.  
**People Praise to God who is revealed as love.**
- Presider Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
**People Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**
- Presider Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.  
**People Accept our thanks for all you have done.**
- Presider Send us now into the world you love.



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People **We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this afternoon.  
 Please remember to maintain social distancing as you depart.*

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

May 15th, 2022

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## Sunday In-Person Services.

8:00 am and 12:30 pm are in the Chapel.

10:30 am is held in the Historic Church. Please make sure to continue to mask up and social distance.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

## Announcements



### Thy Kingdom Come, 11 Days of Intentional Prayer

From Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26, 2022 until Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 2022

Christians around the globe, from all denominations, are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them, their friends, and the church. The prayer can be as simple as “Come Holy Spirit” Each person is asked to choose five people to pray for each day as well as to utilize a prayer journal written by the Archbishop of Canterbury and promoted by the Diocese of Texas. I hope that Trinity members will join in prayer, especially for those you personally know who would benefit from reconnecting with our church community.

On Sunday, May 22nd, prayer Journals will be made available for those wishing to participate. Children’s materials will also be available. We will have daily prayers sent out to the entire congregation (our practice during the worst of the pandemic) and you will be able to sign up for daily prayers separate from our regular congregational emails that will continue once these 11 days are over. Trinity has adapted the materials for our specific context but here is the link to the original texts, the prayer journal, and for downloading the app.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2022>

## This Week at Trinity.

### Sunday, May 15th, 2022

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Sunday Meditations (Hybrid via Zoom and in-person Smith room)
- 9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Atrium rm 112
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III
- 8:00 pm Compline

### Monday, May 16th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

- 10:00 am Yoga with Saba (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth Room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 19th, 2022

- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, May 20th, 2022

- 12:00 pm Listening Post
- 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting (Youth room)
- 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## Coffee Hour Sign-up

Back by popular demand, Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am Service has resumed. If you would like to host a coffee hour please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, Online sign up will soon be available

The next available date for sign up is June 26th

## Altar Flower Dedications for this week

The Altar flowers are dedicated to Glory of God, In thanksgiving for John Bruton’s graduation, and in loving memory of John Macaulay Bruton by Alex Bruton, and in loving memory of John Cloud by Mary Cloud.

The Columbarium flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings, and in loving memory of John Cloud, By Mary Cloud

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up for a flower dedication by going to <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/>



## Townhall Meeting

Honor With Care: Working Together to Prevent Veteran Suicide and Gun Violence

A National Roundtable Discussion to Equip Faith Communities

On Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

- 6:30pm to 7:00pm– Music
- 7:00pm to 8:00pm– Panel Discussion
- 8:00pm to 8:30pm– Reception

Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston

## Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Vivian Kensington, Bob, Theresa, Marvin, Tom, Nick, Ric, Margaret, Livia, Joyce, Gus, Joshua, Sandi, Barbara, Larry, Monica, Carolyn, Sylvia, Danielle, Lynelle, Mary, Leonard, Jim, Elise, Be, Norma, Jeanne, Karen, Susan, Charlee, Austin, Steven, Alice, Barbara, Daniel, Jeanette, and Margaret.

### For the faithful departed

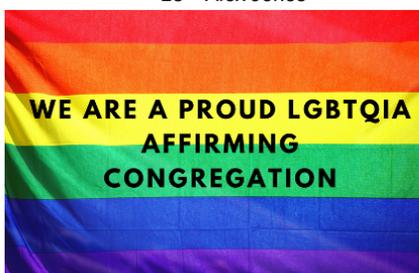
Axel Turcios and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus and victims of gun violence.

### For our Iona Seminarian

Carrie Hirdes

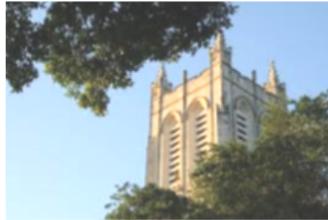


- 15 – Emilie Stubbs
- 16 – James Donnelly
- 16 – Samuel Romero-Atkins
- 18 – Nancy Dawson
- 18 – Ken Snell
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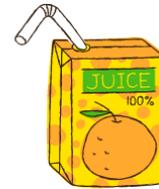
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## Community Outreach

Summer is fast approaching, and students will soon be out of school. This break means that some kids will not have the guaranteed daily meals schools provide. Some of you mentioned Kids' Meals Inc. as a great organization, so here is an opportunity for our Trinity community to support it.

Trinity is participating in Kids' Meals Inc., 2022 Summer Juice Box Challenge. The youth will help us with creating a collection area in the church so that families can donate in person, but donations can also be made online!

Kids' Meals Inc. projects to deliver more than 588,000 free, healthy meals to hungry children between June 1 - August 31. Please help us ensure each meal has a 100% juice box by making an online or in-person donation. Visit our personalized page and help us reach our goal.

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**Quick Reminder: If you would like to use space at Trinity, please make sure you contact the front office in advance of wanting to use the space. This Summer will be hosting two outside organizations that will require using a lot of our extra spaces.**

**If you have any building concerns please remember to email [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org) about them. Thanks!**



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## **Why is there no General Confession in Easter? Explanation by St. George's Church in Ontario, Canada**

You may have noticed that the Confession – the part of the service where we collectively acknowledge that we make mistakes, that we hurt others, that we carry around guilt and doubt and regret, and then we receive God's forgiveness and assurance of healing – is absent during the Easter season. For some, this will feel like a major omission. Human beings are adept at weighing down our lives with feelings of powerlessness and inadequacy, anxiety for our shortcomings, gaping wounds of anger and hurt for how our relationships have been broken. This time in our worship to take stock, to lay down those burdens before God and to be reminded of God's faithfulness to, and love for, us can help many to feel lighter, freer, refreshed.

However, it is the tradition of the ancient church that the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter. It is not that Christians miraculously become perfect people during the seven weeks of Easter and therefore have no need of repentance and absolution. Instead, it is perhaps more appropriate to think of Easter as a rehearsal, a practicing of what a right relationship with God and one another actually looks like.

Whereas Lent is a time for honest and probing self-reflection, intentionality and care in how we use our time and resources, sparseness and restraint, Easter is a time for celebration, celebration of the fullness of God's kingdom, of a reality in which each of us lives in the light and love of God and reflects that light and love in our relationships with one another. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, we are free from the past brokenness and pain of our lives and our relationships are whole and life-giving. In the fullness of God's Kingdom, talk of sin and forgiveness no longer have a place, because we are healed.

We are not there yet. Brokenness and fragility are part of our story. We still look forward to the time when the promises of new life and healing offered on that first Easter morning will be fully realized. And some of us might continue to bring heavy hearts to worship through Easter. Individuals are encouraged to offer before God in prayer any confessions, any needs, any worries, regardless of whether it is Easter or not. However, our *collective* prayer changes at Easter in order that we might, as a community, tell this part of our story: *Christ is risen!* And we have glimpsed the Kingdom of God, where every tear is wiped away, where all hearts are mended, where we join with all of creation in receiving and sharing the good gifts God gives us.

## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

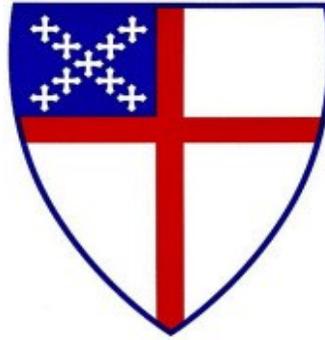
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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